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SUBJECT: BANGLADESH ENVOY VISIT TO BELGIUM

1. ACCORDING TO FONOFF COUNSELOR FOR FE, BLANCQUAERT, SPECIAL BANGLADESH ENVOY SIDDIQI USED HIS VISIT TO BELGIUM ON JUNE 1, INCLUDING MEETING WITH WITH FONMIN VAN ELSLANDE WHICH BLANCQUAERT ATTENDED, MAINLY TO RECITE LITANY OF COMPLAINTS AGAINST PAKISTANIS WHOM, SIDDIQI ALLEGED, WERE SOLELY AT FAULT FOR FAILURE TO GET PW TALKS UNDER WAY. SIDDIQI DESCRIBED IN DETAIL PAKISTANI CRIMES AGAINST PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH AND INSISTED THAT TRIALS OF CRIMINALS, WERE NECESSARY TO ASSUAGE PUBLIC OPINION IN BANGLADESH.

2. BLANCQUAERT SAID BELGIANS LISTENED POLITELY AND URGED MODERATION ON ALL SIDES. PRIVATELY BELGIANS WERE DISMAYED OVER TRIALS AND DOUBTED ANYTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN INTERIM. BELGIANS THUS BELIEVE BIGGEST STUMBLING BLOCK IS NOW BANGLADESHI THEMSELVES; INDIANS AT LEAST GIVE IMPRESSION OF FLEXIBILITY AND BELGIAN EMBASSY AT ISLAMABAD HAD JUST REPORTED THAT PRESIDENT BHUTTO WAS PREPARED TO ASK PARLIAMENT FOR MANDATE TO RECOGNIZE BANGLADESH WHEN TIME IS APPROPRIATE.

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